

## **Brigade Commander**

**David Tuma** <editor@usna-at-large.com>
To: USNA Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 10:38 AM

USNA,

This is a media request for information.
Who is the Fall Set Brigade Commander?
If one hasn't been chosen yet for AY 2022, when will one be?
Please provide a bio for the Brigade Commander.

We plan to publish this today or as any of the above information is provided.

Please let us know when it will be provided if not being provided today.

w/r, David

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## **Brigade Commander**

Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>
To: David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>
Bcc: (b) (6) @usna.edu

Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 9:07 AM

Mr. Tuma,

Information about the new Brigade Commander can be found on our News Center at https://www.usna.edu/NewsCenter/2022/08/USNA\_Welcomes\_New\_Brigade\_Commander.php.

V/r, *USNA Public Affairs* [Quoted text hidden]





#### **Brigade Commander**

**David Tuma** <editor@usna-at-large.com>
To: USNA Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 9:21 AM

Thank you for the reference.

When will you be able to provide information about her academic and professional achievements that led to her selection as Brigade Commander?

w/r, David

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#### Belson, Daniel <dbelson@baltsun.com>

To: mediarelations@usna.edu

Fri, Aug 5, 2022 at 12:20 PM

Hi there!

We heard the Naval Academy Chapel was hit by lightning last night- are you able to confirm that? Was there any severe damage to the structure/power?

Best,

Dan Belson

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Dan Belson

Reporter, Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Capital Gazette

(b) (6)

@DanBelson\_

Capital Gazette



Elizabeth Wrightson <wrightso@usna.edu>

Fri, Aug 5, 2022 at 2:02 PM

To: "Belson, Daniel" <dbelson@baltsun.com>
Co: Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Hi Dan: I have reached out to the facilities manager at the chapel to confirm. I will let you know as soon as I receive an answer.

Very respectfully,

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**Elizabeth B. Wrightson, APR**Director of Media Relations
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Belson, Daniel <dbelson@baltsun.com>

Fri, Aug 5, 2022 at 4:11 PM

To: Elizabeth Wrightson (b) (6) @usna.edu> Cc: Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Thank you! Is there a direct line I could use? I'd like to wrap this up before the workday ends if possible. Appreciate it!

Best,

Dan



Elizabeth Wrightson (b) (6) @usna.edu>
To: "Belson, Daniel" <dbelson@baltsun.com>

Fri, Aug 5, 2022 at 4:16 PM

410-293-(b) [Quoted text hidder]



#### Follow up on naming

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Alana Garas <garas@usna.edu>

Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 4:35 PM

To: (b) (6) @baltsun.com

Cc: Public Affairs Office <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Brian,

https://www.secnav.navy.mil/doni/Directives/05000%20General%20Management%20Security%20and%20Safety%20Services/05-00%20General%20Admin%20and%20Management%20Support/5030.12H.pdf

This instruction is the guidance followed by the Navy...

- Name items after individuals closely affiliated with the Naval Academy (e.g., graduates, Superintendents, faculty/staff, etc.)
- Name buildings after individuals that are affiliated with the disciplines associated with the building (e.g., Hopper Hall, Larson Hall, Wesley Brown Field House, Levi Center)

Best, Alana

#### Cmdr. Alana Garas, USN

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#### from a Washington Post staff writer

'Shapira, Ian' via Public Affairs Office <pao@usna.edu> Reply-To: "Shapira, Ian" <Ian.Shapira@washpost.com> To: "mediarelations@usna.edu" <mediarelations@usna.edu> Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 4:15 PM

Dear Naval Academy press team,

My name is Ian Shapira and I'm a staff writer at The Washington Post. We were emailing back and forth last month about the enrollment of female students at the academy.

I'm now writing because I was hoping to get the number of students who enrolled in August at the start of the academic year for the Naval Academy for this current academic year and the previous four academic years.

My cell is (b) (6) . I can talk more on the phone if you'd like or if you have more questions. But at the moment I am just trying to get a sense of the enrollment figures for the last five years at the service academies and other military colleges.

I was hoping to get the numbers by the end of tomorrow.

Most sincerely, Ian

Ian Shapira Staff Writer, Local Enterprise Team The Washington Post 1301 K Street NW 20071





## from a Washington Post staff writer

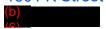
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#### Dear Naval Academy:

Could you also supply the number of applicants for each year? Along with: the number of accepted, and rejected?

Thanks, Ian

Ian Shapira Staff Writer, Local Enterprise Team The Washington Post 1301 K Street NW 20071



From: Shapira, Ian < Ian.Shapira@washpost.com>

Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 4:15 PM

To: mediarelations@usna.edu <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Subject: from a Washington Post staff writer



David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>

Thu, Aug 11, 2022 at 3:09 PM

To: USNA Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

#### USNA:

This is a request for information for the public by a news media organization. We plan to publish this information today. Deadline is as soon as possible.

- A. OPNAV requires USNA to comply with NCAA rules and regulations and to participate at the Division I competition level. USNA is a member of the NCAA
- B. NCAA Div I Manual (Effective 1 August Article 2 D) states:

All members of the NCAA must (adopted 1/20/22 and effective 8/1/22):

"Maintain written policies for its licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising and other commercial agreements that may involve the use of a student-athlete's name, image or likeness. *Each institution shall provide such policies to student-athletes and make those policies publicly available.* (Adopted: 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22)" (emphasis added)

1. Request you immediately provide the USNA written policies for USNA's "licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising and other commercial agreements that may involve the use of a student-athlete's name, image or likeness" as required by the NCAA.

If they are not going to be provided today, please let us know when they will be provided. w/r,

David

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**David Tuma** <editor@usna-at-large.com>
To: USNA Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 7:16 AM

#### USNA:

Will you be providing the requested written policies today? If not, when will they be provided?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. w/r, David

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Elizabeth Wrightson <pao@usna.edu>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 10:32 AM

To: David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>

Cc: USNA Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Your request has been forwarded to the Athletic Association. We will let you know when they respond. Thank you for your interest in the Naval Academy.



David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 10:38 AM

To: "pao@usna.edu" <pao@usna.edu>, USNA Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

#### USNA:

The NCAA requirement is for the institution itself - USNA - to maintain them and provide them. USNA is required by OPNAV to comply with NCAA rules - not the NAAA.

Our request is for USNA to comply with NCAA rules and provide the written polices to the public.

Please let us know if USNA does not maintain the written policies and is not going to provide them immediately. w/r, David

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**Elizabeth Wrightson** <pao@usna.edu>
To: David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>
Co: PAO <pao@usna.edu>

Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 3:30 PM

Sir: DoD does not allow student athletes at the service academies to use their name, image, and likeness because they consider students to also be employees, and it would be use of public office for private gain. Therefore, the Naval Academy does not have the policies.





**David Tuma** <editor@usna-at-large.com>
To: "pao@usna.edu" <pao@usna.edu>

Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 4:03 PM

Thank you for letting me know the policy and why USNA doesn't have written policies.

w/r, David

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**Klingaman**, **John** <jklingaman@baltsun.com>
To: Elizabeth Wrightson <wrightso@usna.edu>

Tue, Aug 2, 2022 at 12:44 PM

wednesday 12 noon is fine, thank you.

will need address of David Vavasseur by wednesday morning, please.. [Quoted text hidden]



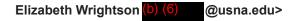
Elizabeth Wrightson (b) (6) @usna.edu>
To: "Klingaman, John" <jklingaman@baltsun.com>

Tue, Aug 2, 2022 at 1:15 PM

Photo shoot for Vavaseur is a no go. He no longer lives in our housing. He is still up for being interviewed since he used to live here and can share is memories and stories. Unfortunately, we did not have anyone on Porter Rad ("Admiral's Row") agree to an interior shoot. Both houses are by the parade field. I can take the photographer to Porter for exterior shots.

V/r,

**Elizabeth B. Wrightson, APR**Director of Media Relations
United States Naval Academy





Elizabeth Wrightson (b) (6) @usna.edu>
To: "Klingaman, John" <jklingaman@baltsun.com>

Tue, Aug 2, 2022 at 1:18 PM

Interview with Lisa Mendenhall scheduled for noon tomorrow. Please send me your phone number and I will conference you in with her and our office.

V/r,

Elizabeth B. Wrightson, APR

Director of Media Relations **United States Naval Academy** 



Klingaman, John <jklingaman@baltsun.com>
To: Elizabeth Wrightson (b) (6) @usna.edu>

Tue, Aug 2, 2022 at 4:28 PM

vavasseur interview will still work, as long as we can shoot exterior of the house. please send me the address, for our captions, and i'll alert thursday's photographer that you'll take him/her there after the bates' photo shoot. thanks. [Quoted text hidden]



Elizabeth Wrightson (b) (6) @usna.edu>
To: "Klingaman, John" <jklingaman@baltsun.com>

Tue, Aug 2, 2022 at 4:48 PM

2:00 interview on Thursday with Vavasseur confirmed. His address was 48 Rogers Road. Good shoot today with Carl. Our third subject is on vacation, which is why we still don't have confirmation. However, my boss is her neighbor and has texted her

V/r,

Elizabeth B. Wrightson, APR Director of Media Relations United States Naval Academy



Elizabeth Wrightson (b) (6) @usna.edu>
To: "Klingaman, John" <jklingaman@baltsun.com>

Tue, Aug 9, 2022 at 9:30 AM

Good morning! They have requested 9:00am this Thursday. Does that work for you?

Very respectfully,

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**Klingaman**, **John** <jklingaman@baltsun.com>
To: Elizabeth Wrightson < (b) (6) @usna.edu>

Tue, Aug 9, 2022 at 10:23 AM

sounds good, i'll await your call. [Quoted text hidden]



**Klingaman**, **John** <jklingaman@baltsun.com>
To: Elizabeth Wrightson (b) (6) @usna.edu>

Wed, Aug 10, 2022 at 7:37 PM

by "they," do you mean that captain bates will be on the call as well?

On Tue, Aug 9, 2022 at 9:31 AM Elizabeth Wrightson < (b) (6) @usna.edu> wrote: [Quoted text hidden]



Elizabeth Wrightson (b) (6) @usna.edu>
To: "Klingaman, John" <jklingaman@baltsun.com>

Thu, Aug 11, 2022 at 8:38 AM

Yes, that is correct.

[Quoted text hidden]

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**Klingaman**, **John** <jklingaman@baltsun.com>
To: Elizabeth Wrightson <(b) (6) @usna.edu>

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 1:00 PM

elizabeth,

i need to know what years capt (now rear admiral) kristensen lived with his family at 45 rodgers road, and how old his son erik was at the time.

thanks,

mike



Elizabeth Wrightson (b) (6) @usna.edu>
To: "Klingaman, John" <jklingaman@baltsun.com>

Tue, Aug 23, 2022 at 9:13 AM

You bet. What's your deadline? [Quoted text hidden]



**Klingaman**, **John** <jklingaman@baltsun.com>
To: Elizabeth Wrightson < (b) (6) @usna.edu>

Tue, Aug 23, 2022 at 9:28 AM

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Madelyn Flayler (b) (6) @usna.edu>

Tue, Aug 23, 2022 at 2:20 PM

To: "Klingaman, John" <jklingaman@baltsun.com>
Cc: Elizabeth Wrightson (b) (6) @usna.edu>

Hi Mike,

I've returned from training and Elizabeth is on leave, so we're switching your project back to me. I heard your interviews went well. Looking forward to the story.

According to the occupancy records, Capt. Edward Kristensen moved into 45 Rodgers Rd in 1987. The next occupant is listed as having moved in in 1990, so that would make his occupancy dates 1987-1990.

Erik was born in 1972, which would put him at roughly 15 years old at the time they moved into 45 Rodgers.

V/r,

Maddie

[Quoted text hidden]

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#### Naming Commission report questions?

Jeffries, Brian (b) (6) @baltsun.com> To: mediarelations@usna.edu

Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 2:18 PM

#### Good afternoon

My name is Brian Jeffries working with the Capital Gazette.

The Naming Commision recently released its report indicating what buildings and roads were being recommended for change at the Naval Academy and at West Point.

Does the academy have a comment on the latest report? Also, what is the memorialization process for the campus currently?

Thank you

#### **Brian Jeffries**

Morgan State 22' Capital Gazette Intern cell (b) (6)



#### Naming Commission report questions?

Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>
To: "Jeffries, Brian" < ( b) (6) @baltsun.com>
Bcc: (b) (6) @usna.edu

Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 3:39 PM

Hi Brian,

You can attribute the statement below to U.S. Naval Academy Public Affairs Officer Commander Alana Garas.

The U.S. Naval Academy is aware of the findings in Part II of the final report released yesterday by the Naming Commission to rename Maury Hall, Buchanan House, and Buchanan Road. USNA is reviewing the matter for further action per the Commission's recommendations.

For your memorialization process question, I'll have to get back to you. What's your deadline for that one?

V/r, Maddie Flayler USNA Public Affairs [Quoted text hidden]





## Naming Commission report questions?

Jeffries, Brian (b) (6) @baltsun.com>
To: Media Relations < mediarelations@usna.edu>

Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 3:57 PM

Thank for your response.

The memorialization process answer I was looking for today as this story will be posted tomorrow or Friday. But as soon as possible would be great. Regardless I'm sure the information will be useful for future stories.

Thanks again

Brian

[Quoted text hidden]

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#### Clarity with some golf course questions

Alana Garas <garas@usna.edu>

Wed, Aug 3, 2022 at 5:59 PM

To: "Donna Cole (Annapolis Creative)" <donna@annapoliscreative.com> Cc: Public Affairs Office <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Donna,

I had to go on leave and didn't realize that I hadn't responded to your email until I saw you had already published (no suspense was indicated in your email).

Please see responses to your questions, below.

Regards, Alana

Q: Does the USNA lease the land from NSA Annapolis for the golf course or does the golf course and land belong to the USNA?

A: The land is owned by the Department of the Navy and is leased to the Naval Academy Golf Association, a 501(c)(7) organization.

Q. There's no such constitution posted for the Naval Academy Golf Association(NAGA). **Does the Superintendent of the USNA have oversight on the NAGA?** 

A: The Superintendent has no direct relationship with the Naval Academy Golf Association.

Q. Does the Superintendent have any comments about the public opposition to the possibility of a golf course expansion?

A: The Superintendent has not expressed an opinion on the golf course proposal.

Q. Does Admiral Buck consider Gladchuk's letter to SecNav jumping the chain of command? Did Admiral Buck know about the letter before it was sent?

A: Vice Adm. Buck was aware of Mr. Gladchuk's letter before it was sent.

Q. Can you tell me if the USNA was aware of the NAGA membership rule that states, "Retired enlisted must be at least 60 years of age" and if so, how is that not considered age discrimination?

A: Question answered by NAGA. The land is owned by the Department of the Navy, and is leased to the Naval Academy Golf Association. The Naval Academy does not own the land that is licensed to the Naval Academy Golf Association and was not aware of the membership rule regarding the retired enlisted minimum age.

On Mon, Jul 25, 2022 at 15:46 Donna Cole (Annapolis Creative) <donna@annapoliscreative.com> wrote:

Alana,

Sorry – one other question. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in all programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance. The Act prohibits recipients of Federal financial assistance from taking actions that result in denying or limiting services or otherwise discriminating on the basis of age.

The USNA owns the Naval Academy Golf Course. The USNA receives federal financial assistance.

Can you tell me if the USNA was aware of the NAGA membership rule that states "Retired enlisted must be at least 60 years of age" and if so, how is that not considered age discrimination?

Thanks,

Donna

[Quoted text hidden] [Quoted text hidden]



Madelyn Flayler (b) (6) @usna.edu>

#### FW: Fox & Friends interview request 9/11 coverage Lt. Hanna & Heather Born

(b) (6) M GS-12 USAF AFDW 11 WG/PA <(b) (6) @us.af.mil> Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 4:07 PM To: AETC PA Summary <aetc.pao@us.af.mil> Cc: (b) (6) @usna.edu" (b) (6) @usna.edu>

AETC Public Affairs,

Thank you for taking my call this afternoon. Please see the below request from Fox and Friends

for a follow-up interview on the morning of Sept. 5. with sisters Lt. Hanna Born, currently

training with the 23FTS, and her sister, USNA Midshipman Heather Born. It is time-sensitive.

Your primary Fox contact is Bridget Gleason: Bridget.gleason@FOX.COM | Cell: (b) (6)

You will need to coordinate separately with the Naval Academy in confirming arrangements

for Midshipman Heather Born. Please reach out to Maddie Flayler at

(b) (6) or via e-mail at (b) @usna.edu (also cc'd). Naval District Washington should also be in the loop - contact (b) (6) @navy.mil and/or ((b) (6) navy.mil.

Background context:

Last year, for the 20th anniversary of 9/11, JBAB PA coordinated an interview with sisters Lt. Hanna Born and Midshipman Heather Born, both of whom

were in the Pentagon daycare center on 9/11 and later chose to serve in the military.

Their family got a relatively happy ending after 9/11, and their stories are compelling.

I'm also attaching our AAR round-up of media coverage of the Born family from that

media blitz - the Born sisters' parents were both active-duty in D.C. that day.

Please get in touch any time if you need more information.

V/r,

Mrs. (b) (6)
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Hi Anastazia.

I hope you're doing well. We had Lt. Hanna Born and her sister Heather Born on our show last year for our "Fox & Friends" 9/11 coverage so they could share their story, and we would like to see if they could join us back on the show this year to share their story again and to honor the fallen. We sent a camera crew to their house last year and can do the same this year, or if they're at another location we can send a camera crew to where they are this year.

Can you please let me know if they can both join us on the show on Monday, September 5th anytime between 6am-9am/EST to start our coverage that week leading up to 9/11? We're going to be doing segments the whole week leading up to 9/11.

Thank you for checking, Bridget

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### Interview for a Dominican newspaper

Yadimir Crespo (b) (6) @listindiario.com>

Wed, Aug 3, 2022 at 4:53 PM

To: "pao@usna.edu" <pao@usna.edu>

Cc: "santodomingopress@state.gov" <santodomingopress@state.gov>

Dear Colleen Krueger,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am Yadimir Crespo, an investigative reporter from Dominican Republic, who works for the oldest and most important newspaper in the country, Listin Diario.

I am following up on an email I sent on June 13th. We asked for an interview to Karolina or Carolina Batista (not sure how to write her name, sorry) who became the first Dominican woman in history who graduated from the United States Naval Academy.

If it is possible, the interview could be either in English or in Spanish in any platform of your choice.

Many thanks for reading this email. I am looking forward to hearing back from you soon.

Best regards,

**Yadimir Crespo** 

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Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 4:15 PM

To: mediarelations@usna.edu

Subject: Interview for a Dominican newspaper

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## Interview for a Dominican newspaper

| Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu></mediarelations@usna.edu>                                                     | Thu, Aug 4, 2022 at 8:32 AM |
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| To: Yadimir Crespo < (b) (6) @listindiario.com>                                                                         | -                           |
| Cc: "santodomingopress@state.gov" <santodomingopress@state.gov>, Elizabeth Wrightson &lt;</santodomingopress@state.gov> | (6) @usna.edu>, Madelyn     |
| Flayler (b) (6) @usna.edu>                                                                                              |                             |

Hello,

I contacted Karolyn yesterday to see 1. if she is actually the first Dominican female to graduate and 2. to see if she is interested in an interview. I will let you know as soon as I hear back from her. We are getting conflicting information and it looks like she may not be the first female Dominican to graduate from the Naval Academy but I will let you know once I confirm.

Just an FYI, (b) (6), so if you haven't heard back from me by the end of next week then my colleagues will be monitoring this email while I am gone or you can also call (b) (6). Thank you!

V/r,

Colleen Krueger Public Affairs Specialist

[Quoted text hidden]





## **Journalist Request**

1 message

Kelly Rissman < kelly@kellyrissman.com> To: mediarelations@usna.edu

Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 4:29 PM

Hello,

Hope this finds you well! I am a journalist writing for Vanity Fair about Matt Gaetz's upcoming appearance at Academy Nights in Florida--the first one is tomorrow night at Niceville High School--in which he will speak to students interested in applying to Service Academies. There has been some public outcry, as Gaetz is currently under federal investigation for allegedly having a relationship with a 17-year-old, and yet, schools are allowing him to come and speak to teenagers.

Please let me know if USNA has any comments on the matter. My deadline is end of day.

Thanks so much! Kelly

**Kelly Rissman** Journalist She/Her/Hers kellyrissman.com





### Media Request \_ Military Times \_ Deadline EOD Thurs 8/18

1 message

Jonathan Lehrfeld < Jonathan.lehrfeld@militarytimes.com> To: "mediarelations@usna.edu" < mediarelations@usna.edu> Wed, Aug 17, 2022 at 10:48 AM

Hello,

My name is Jonathan Lehrfeld. I am a reporter with Military Times.

Following up to a brief call I just left the Naval Academy's Media Relations team. I am working on a story regarding the competing project proposals at Greenbury Point.

I wanted to reach out to see if someone from Naval District Washington would be interested in speaking with me in a brief phone interview for my story.

If we could schedule something before my deadline at the EOD tomorrow 8/18 that would be wonderful. I am available before the end of the day today except 1 PM - 2:30 PM (ET) and throughout the day tomorrow.

Please let me know if you have any questions. You can reach me via this email or my cell Thank you in advance!



Sincerely,

Jonathan Lehrfeld

Jonathan Lehrfeld Early Bird Brief Editor | Military Times Twitter - @lehrfeld media | Insta - @lehrfeldmedia



Colleen Krueger (1) @usna.edu>

### **Military Artifacts Discovered**

1 message

Cheryl Costello (b) @chesapeakebaymagazine.com> To: mediarelations@usna.edu

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In light of what was found in a section of Assateague Island National Seashore, we would love to lean on the USNA regarding the history of what was dumped in the water/on beaches several decades ago. Do you have an expert who can explain this and perhaps provide some visuals?

Thanks so much for considering.

Cheryl Costello







## Military Resilience Installation Plan

1 message

Donna Cole (Annapolis Creative) < donna@annapoliscreative.com> To: Alana Garas <garas@usna.edu>, Public Affairs Office <mediarelations@usna.edu> Thu, Aug 18, 2022 at 1:38 PM

Alana et al,

Can you tell me if a copy of the USNA Military Resilience Installation Plan is posted publicly and/or if a copy is available?

Vice Admiral Buck told the USNA Visitors Board (on February 28, 2022) that the report is complete.

Much thanks, Donna L. Cole



Colleen Krueger (b) @usna.edu>

## Military.com Media Query - Application % Drop

1 message

Novelly, Thomas < (b) (6) @monster.com> To: "pao@usna.edu" <pao@usna.edu>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 10:09 AM

Good morning, y'all!

My name is Thomas Novelly and I'm a reporter with Military.com working on a story about how the Air Forcer Academy has seen a 20% drop in applications during the pandemic.

A story from Colorado Public Radio (here) mentioned that West Point and the Naval Academy have seen a similar dip.

What was the percentage drop in the number of applications for the Class of 2026 at the Naval Academy compared to the Class of 2025?

If I could get that info no later than 3 p.m. EST today, I'd greatly appreciate it.

Best,

Thomas Novelly



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#### **Photo Story**

1 message

Ashley Markle <studio@ashleymarkle.art>

Wed, Aug 3, 2022 at 10:43 AM

To: mediarelations@usna.edu

Hello,

My name is Ashley Markle and I am a photographer based in Brooklyn, NY. I'm interested in working on a photo story based around the wrestling team at the Naval Academy. The themes I'm looking to address center around brotherhood, success/failure, determination and the beauty of the sport. I'm looking to shoot the story over a period of several months (several trips) and pitch the story to my editor at the NYTimes or some galleries here in NY. Let me know if this would be possible and you can take a look at my work at the link below. I really look forward to hearing back from you and thank you for taking the time!

Best,

Ashley Markle

www.ashleymarkle.art @filmmarkle





#### Potential PBS Kids Appearance

1 message



Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 7:29 AM

Hello,

I was sent this opportunity via the Society of Women Engineers. I am interested in speaking about nuclear engingeering but am following the procedure on the intranet.

Thanks.



#### PBS Kids - Casting Female Engineers

PBS Kids and Lucky Dog Films are casting kids and adults for the first season of their new web series "What can you Become?". The web video series focuses on genuine and fun conversations between real kids (ages 4-6) and professional adults that show kids some of the possibilities of what they can become when they grow up. The goal of the program is to provide evidence-based educational resources that help teachers, caregivers and parents build early science and literacy skills for America's children, especially those from low income backgrounds.

The producer of the series is looking for a volunteer for an episode that will feature a Green Energy Engineer or STEM professional. If you are interested in this opportunity, send an email to the Coordinating Producer, Alexandra Czaplicki, at RomentaProductions@gmail.com. Alexandra will then reach out to you, and, if chosen by PBS, you would be involved in a half day of filming in late September on a day/time that works for you.

, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering United States Naval Academy Rickover 355 590 Holloway Road Annapolis, MD 21402 @usna.edu Google Calendar Availability





## query from Greg Rushford

1 message

gregrushford@gmail.com <gregrushford@gmail.com> To: "mediarelations@usna.edu" <mediarelations@usna.edu> Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 4:08 PM

Hello Annapolis press office:

I would appreciate confirmation that Hung Cao received his B.A. from the Academy in 1996, a statistic I gleaned from Ballotpedia. Mr. Cao, a Vietnamese-American immigrant with an admirable life story, retired from the Navy --- last year I believe, as a Captain. He is currently running as the Republican candidate for the U.S. Congress in Virginia's 10<sup>th</sup> congressional district.

(As this is the first time I've contacted your press office, and to reassure yourself that there is a real journalist on this end of the line, you might want to glance at my online journal, the Rushford Report, www.rushfordreport.com. I recently published an article --- Letter from Rappahannock --- that reported on Capt. Cao's campaign stances. And if you scroll back to late last year, I published an article on so-called Chinese wolf-warrior diplomacy that also would be of interest to those who follow Chinese maritime activities in the South China Sea and elsewhere.)

I was one of the handful of journalists who started reporting on South China Sea issues back in 1995, for my own publication, and also the Wall Street Journal and Reader's Digest,. My interest was sparked by an article in Proceedings. I've been a USNI member ever since.

Best regards,

**Greg Rushford** 

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#### Radio and TV interview

1 message

Steve Walsh <swalsh@kpbs.org> To: mediarelations@usna.edu

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 7:17 PM

I'm doing a story on SEAL training and I'd like to talk to someone at the academy about your officer training prep for BUD/S

Steve

Steve Walsh Military and Veterans reporter KPBS public radio and TV San Diego, CA









#### Re: "Breathe" Non Fiction

1 message

Rick Bettua <aimrite@hotmail.com> To: PAO <pao@usna.edu>

Mon, Aug 29, 2022 at 5:37 PM

Hello Maddie

Thank you very much for getting back to me. It would be an honor to achieve either. My book "Breathe" is more than a survival story It takes the reader through my life from a young boy who wanted to be a Navy Diver to eventually becoming the most Senior Master Diver in the Navy.

The book teaches the readers many life lessons I learned and leadership traits that would embody any young leader in todays military.

I had an amazing career and I am very proud of what I accomplished so getting the opportunity to speak to our future leaders would be an amazing opportunity.

If the midshipmen store would like to host my book the Publisher is Crossroads Publishing

Very respectfully

Rick Bettua

On Aug 29, 2022, at 10:34 PM, PAO <pao@usna.edu> wrote:

CMDCM Bettua,

Thanks for reaching out. Your book sounds great. Can you tell me what you're hoping to achieve at USNA? Are you looking to come speak to the Brigade about your book? Or looking to have it sold in the midshipmen store? Just want to clarify so I can get you to the correct point of contact.

V/r, Maddie Flayler USNA Public Affairs

On Fri, Aug 26, 2022 at 10:32 PM Rick Bettua <aimrite@hotmail.com> wrote: Hello

My name is Richard Bettua and I am a retired Master Chief/ Master Diver and a Disabled Veteran. I had a amazing Naval career and retired as the Command Master Chief of Mobile Diving Salvage Unit 2 In Pearl Harbor Hawaii.

About 18 months ago I endured a massive shark attack by a 12' Bull Shark and it prompted me to write a book. The story was featured on Discovery Channel Shark Week in July. The first and last chapters are my attack and my survival but the other 21 chapters take the readers through my career as a Navy Diver and becoming the youngest Master Diver.

I actually wrote the book for my children and in doing so used very little cussing, no drinking, no sex and most of all no BS. The book is very action packed and teaches the reader several leadership traits that I think will be perfect for young readers.

Here is the book proposal prior to publishing but book is published now through Crossroads Press and is available on every platform in the world. It gives you a very good idea of the reading material and even several sample chapters.

I have been asked to speak to Penn State and the Captain suggested I reach out to you at the Naval Academy.

Thank you very much for your time

Very respectfully

Richard Bettua CMDCM(MDV) US Navy retired

<Attachment-1.JPEG>



Colleen Krueger (b) (6) usna.edu>

#### Re: 2022 Rhodes Scholar-elect Sarah Skinner contact information

1 message

@alumni.princeton.edu>

Mon, Aug 8, 2022 at 8:00 AM

To: PAO <pao@usna.edu>

Thank you for your help!

Best wishes, Ananya

On 8 Aug 2022, at 06:59, PAO <pao@usna.edu> wrote:

Hello,

Our Alumni Association keeps their contact information once they graduate and you can reach them at 410-295-4000. Have a great day!

V/r,

Colleen Krueger **Public Affairs Specialist** 

On Sun, Aug 7, 2022 at 2:41 PM (b) (6) @alumni.princeton.edu> wrote: Hi there,

I hope this finds you well. I am a 2020 Rhodes Scholar from the same district as Sarah Skinner (District 6). I actually went to the same high school as Sarah too, Marist School in Brookhaven, GA!

I was hoping to get in touch with her to connect and help welcome her to Oxford but couldn't find her contact information on the press release about her selection as a Rhodes Scholar. Would you be able to provide me with her contact information, or else forward her my contact information? I'd welcome the chance to connect!

With best wishes,



2020 U.S. Rhodes Scholar (Georgia & Magdalen, 2020) Junior Dean, Magdalen College, Oxford



Madelyn Flayler (b) (6) @usna.edu>

#### Re: Another Fox and Friends appearance on September 5?

(b) (6) M GS-12 USAF AFDW 11 WG/PA (b) (6) @us.af.mil> Wed, Aug 24, 2022 at 2:56 PM

To: Heather Born (b) (6) @gmail.com>
Cc: (b) (6) LT USN COMNAVDIST WASH DC (USA)" (b) (6) @us.navy.mil>, '(b) (6) @us.navy.mil>, '(b) (6) @usna.edu" (b) (6) @usna.edu>,
"Zeigler, Edward C CIV USN COMNAVDIST DC (USA)" (b) (6) @us.navy.mil>

Hello Midshipman Born,

Thanks so much for getting back to me. I've verified that your sister is now supported by a different Air Force PA office while in training, so we won't be covering this story. I'm looping in NDW and USNA so they can limit the amount of coordination for you. I am confident that you will both do a spectacular job again, and look forward to watching your interview!

Navy and Naval Academy colleagues, please look for a run-down from me under separate cover.

Thank you all!

V/r,

Mrs. (b) (6)
Section Chief, Media Operations, Public Affairs
11th Wing, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling

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----Original Message----From: Heather Born < (b) (6) @gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 8:30 AM

To: (b) (6) M GS-12 USAF AFDW 11 WG/PA <a(b) (6) @us.af.mil>

Subject: [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] Re: Another Fox and Friends appearance on September 5?

Ms. (b) (6)

Good morning and thank you for your email. I had a wonderful summer break and hope you enjoyed your summer as well.

Please excuse the delay in responding as I returned from 3 weeks NOLS in Alaska on Thursday afternoon and then spent the next few days performing military duties (reform briefs, moving rooms) and preparing for the start of classes yesterday morning.

I appreciate your kind note. Hanna and I really enjoyed participating in last year's 20th anniversary commemorative event. I like her will be happy to participate in this year's "one year later" remembrance also.

Regarding date, I can make myself available and depending upon what time frame is selected I will need a little time to process an excusal slip if it overlaps with one or more morning class(es). However, I think I can accommodate my schedule much easier than Hanna since she is one hour difference in time (CST) and has to drive 20-30 minutes to an airfield.

As you suggest, the request will have to be processed through the Academy's PA just like last year. Regarding location, last year CBS shot a scene from the top of Hopper Hall (new cyber center) which overlooks the water and some of the athletic fields which I thought worked out nicely (however, I will defer location to PA depending upon the final format (and time) of the interview (as if too early may be too dark to see anything). Weather also may be a consideration.

Thank you again for reaching out and I look forward to working with you once again this year.

Very Respectfully,

H.N.Born

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On Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 12:08 (b) (6) (b) (6) M GS-12 USAF AFDW 11 WG/PA (b) (6) @us.af.mil <mailto (b) (6) us.af.mil > wrote:

Hello Midshipman Born,

I hope you're doing well, and enjoying your senior year at the Naval Academy! I've just heard from Fox and Friends, which wants to do a "one year later" follow-up interview with you and your sister on September 5, to kick off their 9-11 coverage.

This would be sometime between 6 and 9 am, at a place of your choosing. This could prove logistically complex as you're now farther apart, but could be worked out if you are interested. I have also been in touch with your sister.

Please let me know if you're available as soon as possible. If you are, I'll loop in your assigned PA for SA.

It was truly a joy to watch both you share your stories with such authenticity and commitment to our country. I can't wait to see what the future holds for you!

V/r.

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## **Re: Brigade Commander**

1 message

David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>

Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 9:21 AM

To: USNA Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Thank you for the reference.

When will you be able to provide information about her academic and professional achievements that led to her selection as Brigade Commander?

w/r, David

David Tuma
Captain, USN, Ret.
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Owner, Publisher & Exec. Editor
USNA-At-Large, LLC
editor@usna-at-large.com

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On Aug 31, 2022, at 9:07 AM, Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu> wrote:

Mr. Tuma,

Information about the new Brigade Commander can be found on our News Center at https://www.usna.edu/NewsCenter/2022/08/USNA Welcomes New Brigade Commander.php.

V/r, USNA Public Affairs

On Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 10:38 AM David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com> wrote:

USNA,

This is a media request for information.

Who is the Fall Set Brigade Commander?

If one hasn't been chosen yet for AY 2022, when will one be?

Please provide a bio for the Brigade Commander.

We plan to publish this today or as any of the above information is provided.

Please let us know when it will be provided if not being provided today.

w/r,

David

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### Re: Filming location inquiry - Grant Larson Productions - Cryptologist interview with Chief Intelligence Specialist Sara Santos

1 message

Alana Garas <garas@usna.edu>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 10:41 AM

usna.edu>

Cc: Public Affairs Office <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Sarah,

No issues with the Museum hosting/supporting.

V/r PAO

On Thu, Aug 18, 2022 at 11:22 AM (b) (6) usna.edu> wrote:

Hi Alana- following up on this.

Thank you!

----- Forwarded message ------

From: usna.edu>

Date: Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 1:59 PM

Subject: Fwd: Filming location inquiry - Grant Larson Productions - Cryptologist interview with Chief Intelligence

Specialist Sara Santos

To: Alana Garas <garas@usna.edu>

Hi Alana,

I'm submitting this request to you for PAO approval. The Museum is happy to host them.

Sincerely,

------ Forwarded message ------

From: Kimberly Firestine <kfirestine@grantlarsonproductions.com>

Date: Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 12:20 PM

Subject: Filming location inquiry - Grant Larson Productions - Cryptologist interview with Chief Intelligence Specialist

Sara Santos

@usna.edu> To: <(b) (6)

Hi Sarah!

I was advised by Christine Harding at the National Cryptologic Foundation that the Naval Academy Museum may be able to assist us in finding a filming location for an interview we are conducting on October 11, 2022. This video is part of an educational series for K-8 students and explores different careers across the span of nearly every industry -trades, communications, arts and entertainment, healthcare, tech, public service...really anything you might think of.

We are interviewing Chief Sara Santos about her career as a Cryptologist and she has been given permission by her Master Chief to film and travel for the project. Christine has suggested using the Enigma exhibit as a possible backdrop, but we are open to suggestions.

Below you'll find the link and password to the pilot for the series for your review and I've attached a document further describing the project and our client, Big Ideas Learning. Please let me know if you have any guestions or if you think this might be a feasible filming location. We would need about 5 hours to set up, interview, and tear down/clean up our equipment.



Thanks!

Managing Director/Supervisory Museum Curator U.S. Naval Academy Museum United States Naval Academy Annapolis, MD 21402

Office: 410.293 (b) Cell: (b) (6)





## Re: Journalist question, re: Fulton patents

1 message

Danny Freedman (b) (6) (b) @gmail.com>
To: PAO <pao@usna.edu>

Wed, Aug 17, 2022 at 12:34 PM

Hi Maddie,

Thanks for reaching out about this. I think, actually, we're all set. The story's a little shorter than when I'd first reached out, and I don't want to take up Tracie's time unnecessarily.

If that changes over the course of today, though, I'll let you know.

Thanks again!

--Danny

Danny Freedman
Journalist | Memphis, Tenn.
Co-chair, National Press Club Freelance Committee
dannyfreedman.net

On Wed, Aug 17, 2022 at 7:10 AM PAO <pa@usna.edu> wrote:

Danny,

I'm happy to coordinate this request with the museum staff. Senior Curator (b) (6) is available to discuss the patents. However, she will be out of the office beginning tomorrow until Sept. 9. Are you free today?

V/r,

Maddie Flayler USNA Public Affairs

----- Forwarded message --

From: **Danny Freedman** < (b) (6) @gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Aug 11, 2022 at 9:53 AM

Subject: Journalist question, re: Fulton patents

@usna.edu>

Hi (b) (6)

I'm a journalist working on an article for Smithsonian Magazine about the early U.S. patent records that were lost in a fire in 1836. I've been talking with historian Adam Bisno at the Patent and Trademark Office and he's kept me in the loop about the work to authenticate the Fulton patents that are at the USNA Museum.

We're finishing up the story, which highlights the Fulton patents, and I wanted to see if you had a few minutes to talk just so I can check a couple details to be sure they're correct.

Thanks for your time,

--Danny

Danny Freedman Journalist | Memphis, Tenn. Co-chair, National Press Club Freelance Committee dannyfreedman.net





Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 8:12 AM

#### Re: Journalist Request

1 message

Alana Garas <garas@usna.edu>

To: Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu> Cc: Elizabeth Wrightson (b) (6) @usna.edu>

On Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 08:11 Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu> wrote:

V/r, Maddie

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From: Kelly Rissman < kelly@kellyrissman.com>

Date: Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 4:29 PM

Subject: Journalist Request To: <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Hello,

Hope this finds you well! I am a journalist writing for Vanity Fair about Matt Gaetz's upcoming appearance at Academy Nights in Florida--the first one is tomorrow night at Niceville High School--in which he will speak to students interested in applying to Service Academies. There has been some public outcry, as Gaetz is currently under federal investigation for allegedly having a relationship with a 17-year-old, and yet, schools are allowing him to come and speak to teenagers.

Please let me know if USNA has any comments on the matter. My deadline is end of day.

Thanks so much! Kelly

**Kelly Rissman** 

Journalist She/Her/Hers

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Cmdr. Alana Garas Public Affairs Officer United States Naval Academy



Colleen Krueger < (b) @usna.edu>

# RE: [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] Re: Military Artifacts Discovered

1 message Mon, Aug 1, 2022 at 4:22 Zeigler, Edward C CIV USN COMNAVDIST DC (USA) (b) (6) @us.navy.mil> PM To: (b) (6) @chesapeakebaymagazine.com" (b) (6) @chesapeakebaymagazine.com> Cc: Elizabeth Wrightson (b) @usna.edu>, "mediarelations@usna.edu" <mediarelations@usna.edu>, "Zeigler, Edward C CIV USN COMNAVDIST DC (USA)" (b) @us.navy.mil> Ms. Costello, I received your request and I am looking for the best subject matter expert. Thank you. v/r Ed Zeigler Director, Public Affairs **Naval District Washington** DSN: Comm: Mobile: (b) (6 @navy.mil "Like Us" on Facebook and follow us on Instagram to get up-to-date information

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Date: Mon, Aug 1, 2022 at 10:34 AM Subject: Military Artifacts Discovered To: <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Hello! This is Cheryl Costello with Chesapeake Bay Media.

In light of what was found in a section of Assateague Island National Seashore, we would love to lean on the USNA regarding the history of what was dumped in the water/on beaches several decades ago. Do you have an expert who can explain this and perhaps provide some visuals?

Thanks so much for considering.

Cheryl Costello







#### Re: Military Artifacts Discovered

1 message

Elizabeth Wrightson (b) (6) @usna.edu>

Mon, Aug 1, 2022 at 1:54 PM

To: Cheryl Costello (b) (6) @chesapeakebaymagazine.com>

Cc: mediarelations@usna.edu

Hi Cheryl: I have forwarded your question to the environmental division of Naval Station Annapolis to see if they have an answer for you.

V/r,

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Elizabeth B. Wrightson, APR Director of Media Relations United States Naval Academy

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### Re: Military Resilience Installation Plan

1 message

Alana Garas <garas@usna.edu> Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 1:23 PM To: "Donna Cole (Annapolis Creative)" <donna@annapoliscreative.com> Cc: Public Affairs Office <mediarelations@usna.edu>, "Zeigler, Edward C CIV USN COMNAVDIST DC (USA)" @us.navy.mil>, '(b) (6) ) LT USN SECOND FLEET (USA)" @us.navy.mil>

Donna,

Vice Admiral Buck's words to the USNA Board of Visitors in February was that he "has the report in his hands," meaning that the plan had been finalized by staff and submitted for his review. This plan still needs to be briefed to senior Navy leadership before it is released to a wider audience.

Alana

On Thu, Aug 18, 2022 at 1:38 PM Donna Cole (Annapolis Creative) <donna@annapoliscreative.com> wrote: Alana et al.

Can you tell me if a copy of the USNA Military Resilience Installation Plan is posted publicly and/or if a copy is available?

Vice Admiral Buck told the USNA Visitors Board (on February 28, 2022) that the report is complete.

Much thanks, Donna L. Cole b) (6)



Colleen Krueger (101) @usna.edu>

#### Re: Military.com Media Query - Application % Drop

1 message

@usna.edu> Elizabeth Wrightson < To: "Novelly, Thomas" @monster.com> Cc: PAO <pao@usna.edu>

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 1:49 PM

Hi Thomas: USNA saw a 20.5% application drop for the recently reported Class of 2026. Due to our unique mission, the Naval Academy relies heavily on in-person outreach, whether hosting potential candidates at the Naval Academy or our many in-person outreach events across the nation. This in-person outreach was significantly restricted during the height of the pandemic (we held our summer programs - key to our recruiting - virtually last year) and played a major role in the application reduction. Over this past year, we've been able to resume the vast majority of our in-person outreach, and applications for next year's class are nearing pre-pandemic levels.

Thanks for reaching out, and don't forget to circle back on the next set of applications and the "Maverick Effect." Have a good weekend.

Very respectfully,

Elizabeth B. Wrightson, APR

Director of Media Relations United States Naval Academy Public Affairs Office

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On Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 10:09 AM Novelly, Thomas @monster.com> wrote:

Good morning, y'all!

My name is Thomas Novelly and I'm a reporter with Military.com working on a story about how the Air Forcer Academy has seen a 20% drop in applications during the pandemic.

A story from Colorado Public Radio (here) mentioned that West Point and the Naval Academy have seen a similar dip.

What was the percentage drop in the number of applications for the Class of 2026 at the Naval Academy compared to the Class of 2025?

If I could get that info no later than 3 p.m. EST today, I'd greatly appreciate it.

Best.

Thomas Novelly

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#### Re: Photo Story

1 message

Elizabeth Wrightson < (b) (6) @usna.edu> To: Media Relations < mediarelations@usna.edu> Wed, Aug 3, 2022 at 12:26 PM

V/r,

Elizabeth B. Wrightson, APR **Director of Media Relations** United States Naval Academy

On Wed, Aug 3, 2022 at 10:43 AM Ashley Markle <studio@ashleymarkle.art> wrote: Hello,

My name is Ashley Markle and I am a photographer based in Brooklyn, NY. I'm interested in working on a photo story based around the wrestling team at the Naval Academy. The themes I'm looking to address center around brotherhood, success/failure, determination and the beauty of the sport. I'm looking to shoot the story over a period of several months (several trips) and pitch the story to my editor at the NYTimes or some galleries here in NY. Let me know if this would be possible and you can take a look at my work at the link below. I really look forward to hearing back from you and thank you for taking the time!

Best,

Ashley Markle

www.ashleymarkle.art @filmmarkle





#### Re: Postcard Book on USNA

1 message

Elizabeth Wrightson (b) (6) @usna.edu> To: Chris Miller (b) (6) @faculty.umgc.edu>, PAO <pao@usna.edu> Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 10:11 AM

Hi Christopher: Thanks for letting us know about the book. I am very familiar with the Images of America series. Is there anything you need from us or anyone you need to meet with when you visit? We are happy to help.

V/r.

Elizabeth B. Wrightson, APR Director of Media Relations United States Naval Academy

On Sat, Aug 13, 2022 at 10:51 AM Chris Miller (10) (6) @faculty.umgc.edu> wrote:

August 13, 2022

Greetings,

My name is Christopher Miller, and I am writing a postcard-style book about the Academy. I am a retired US Navy Lieutenant and currently live in Portsmouth, Virginia. The book is in process with a scheduled publication date in 2023. The publisher is Arcadia Press. Essentially, the book is a collection of historical photographs with captions that provide a history of the Academy and the Yard.

I have written two previous books in this style, one on Norfolk Naval Shipyard and the other on the Coast Guard in Hampton Roads, Virginia. I was inspired to write this book because I taught at USNA for three years, from 2007 to 2010.

My research resources include the Nimitz Library, the National Archives, the Navy History and Heritage Command, and the Library of Congress.

I would say that I am 50% complete with the book, but I plan on making at least one trip up to Annapolis this year.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach me at this email address and the number below.

Very respectfully,

Christopher Miller

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Colleen Krueger (b) @usna.edu>

### Re: query from Greg Rushford

1 message

**G R** <gregrushford@gmail.com>
To: Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 9:04 AM

Much appreciated, Ms. Flayer.

It's always such small details --- especially referring accurately to the BS degrees, which I had been careless about --- that are so important to get right!

Best wishes,

Greg

Greg Rushford
Editor & Publisher
The Rushford Report
www.rushfordreport.com

On Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 8:29 AM Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu> wrote: | Good morning,

I can confirm that Mr. Hung Cao appears in our register of 1996 USNA graduates. However, USNA does not offer Bachelor of Arts degrees. All graduates graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree.

V/r, Maddie Flayler USNA Public Affairs

On Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 4:08 PM <gregrushford@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Annapolis press office:

I would appreciate confirmation that Hung Cao received his B.A. from the Academy in 1996, a statistic I gleaned from Ballotpedia. Mr. Cao, a Vietnamese-American immigrant with an admirable life story, retired from the Navy --- last year I believe, as a Captain. He is currently running as the Republican candidate for the U.S. Congress in Virginia's 10<sup>th</sup> congressional district.

(As this is the first time I've contacted your press office, and to reassure yourself that there is a real journalist on this end of the line, you might want to glance at my online journal, the Rushford Report, www.rushfordreport.com. I recently published an article --- Letter from Rappahannock --- that reported on Capt. Cao's campaign stances. And if you scroll back to late last year, I published an article on so-called Chinese wolf-warrior diplomacy that also would be of interest to those who follow Chinese maritime activities in the South China Sea and elsewhere.)

I was one of the handful of journalists who started reporting on South China Sea issues back in 1995, for my own publication, and also the Wall Street Journal and Reader's Digest,. My interest was sparked by an article in Proceedings. I've been a USNI member ever since.

Best regards,

**Greg Rushford** 

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#### Re: Radio and TV interview

1 message

Elizabeth Wrightson (b) (6) @usna.edu>

Wed, Aug 17, 2022 at 4:27 PM

To: Steve Walsh <swalsh@kpbs.org>

Cc: Media Relations < mediarelations@usna.edu>

Hi Steve: Thank you for thinking of the Naval Academy. Our SEAL Program Manager is not available for an interview, so I hope the following information will assist you.

The U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) SEAL program manages a variety of special program and events designed to rigorously assess, select, and train men and women who embody the courage, integrity, humility, creativity, team-ability, creativity, and grit that expand Naval Special Warfare's (NSW) competitive edge to remain the Nation's preeminent maritime special operations force."

For example, USNA SEAL candidates participate in a 48-hour SEAL screener that mimics two days of Basic Underwater Demolition / SEAL (BUD/S) training. The top 60 candidates from the screener are then selected to attend SEAL Officer Assessment and Selection (SOAS) on Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, California, the final step in earning a spot to attend BUD/S. The SOAS finishers have their candidate packages briefed to a SEAL Officer Selection Panel, consisting of SEAL captains, commanders, and Master Chiefs who select the most qualified candidates to attend BUD/S.

The Naval Academy also has several other training events that offer exposure to the NSW community throughout the academic year and summer training, to include the SEAL Professional Training Event, a three-week summer training block where Midshipmen third class are assigned to Naval Special Warfare Group 2 in Little Creek, Virginia. Throughout the academic year, the USNA SEAL program organizes professional development briefs with SEALs stationed in the National Capital.

For additional information you can contact CDR Ben Tisdale, Force Public Affairs Officer, Naval Special Warfare Command. O: 619-537-2826.

Very respectfully,

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On Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 7:18 PM Steve Walsh <swalsh@kpbs.org> wrote:

I'm doing a story on SEAL training and I'd like to talk to someone at the academy about your officer training prep for BUD/S

Steve

Steve Walsh Military and Veterans reporter KPBS public radio and TV San Diego, CA









#### Re: Unvaccinated mids

1 message

Alana Garas <garas@usna.edu>

Tue, Aug 30, 2022 at 6:33 PM

To: "Mongilio, Heather" <hmongilio@usni.org> Cc: Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Heather,

Apologies for responding late, but please see responses to your questions, below.

#### What percentage of midshipmen are vaccinated?

99.8 percent of the midshipmen are vaccinated at the U.S. Naval Academy.

#### How many midshipmen have been separated for not getting vaccinated against COVID-19?

Zero midshipmen have been separated for not getting vaccinated against COVID-19.

# How many midshipmen are unvaccinated but have filed a religious exemption request and cannot currently be separated?

A small number of midshipmen are seeking religious exemptions from receiving the COVID-19 vaccine in accordance with standing Navy policies.

Are there any unvaccinated midshipmen that are still waiting to be separated? If so, when will they be separated? There are zero midshipmen awaiting to be separated for not getting vaccinated against COVID-19.

# In the case of any midshipmen that were separated due to not getting vaccinated, did they have to repay their tuition?

No midshipmen were separated due to not getting vaccinated against COVID-19.

On Tue, Aug 30, 2022 at 12:16 PM Mongilio, Heather <a href="mongilio@usni.org">hmongilio@usni.org</a>> wrote:

Hello Cmdr. Garas,

I'm working on a roundup of the service academies in terms of COVID-19 vaccination. I had a couple questions about the status of the mids. My deadline is 5 p.m. today.

- What percentage of midshipmen are vaccinated?
- How many midshipmen have been separated for not getting vaccinated against COVID-19?
- How many midshipmen are unvaccinated but have filed a religious exemption request and cannot currently be separated?
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- In the case of any midshipmen that were separated due to not getting vaccinated, did they have to repay their tuition?

Thanks!

Heather Mongilio

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#### Re: WMAR-2 News Request - Faculty History

1 message

'Engel, Amanda' via Public Affairs Office <pao@usna.edu>
Reply-To: "Engel, Amanda" (b) (6) @wmar.com>
To: Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Thu, Aug 25, 2022 at 1:36 PM

Hi Maddie,

Thank you for your response. Would you be able to tell me what courses she taught and for how many semesters she's been contracted as an adjunct professor?

Thank you,

Amanda Engel (she, her) | Content Planner WMAR-2 News

6400 York Road Baltimore, MD 21212

(c): (b) (6) @wmar.com

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From: Media Relations < mediarelations@usna.edu>

Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 8:22 AM

To: Engel, Amanda < (6) (6) @wmar.com>
Subject: Re: WMAR-2 News Request - Faculty History

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Good morning Amanda,

Adjunct instructors at USNA are only contracted for one semester at a time. Gordana Schifanelli was last contracted as an adjunct instructor at the Naval Academy for the Fall 2021 semester.

V/r, Maddie Flayler USNA Public Affairs

On Wed, Aug 24, 2022 at 6:25 PM 'Engel, Amanda' via Public Affairs Office <pa@usna.edu> wrote: Good evening,

I'm doing some digging into candidates for office and I saw that Gordana Schifanelli lists Law professor at the Annapolis Naval Academy as part of her background. I see elsewhere that she's an adjunct professor of Finance and Law and Economics at the USNA.

Would I be able to get her employment with the University (whether former or current) confirmed? I'm not finding her listed on the website.

Thank you,

Amanda [google.com] Engel (she, her) | Content Planner

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# **Reaching out from Military Times**

1 message

Irene Loewenson <irene.loewenson@sightlinemg.com> To: "mediarelations@usna.edu" <mediarelations@usna.edu> Tue, Aug 30, 2022 at 12:10 PM

Hello,

I am writing an article for Military Times about how the potential end of affirmative action in higher education thanks to the Supreme Court will affect the military, especially the service academies. Could you please respond to the following questions?:

- 1. Does the U.S. Naval Academy use race as a factor in admissions?
- 2. If so, how exactly is race used as a factor in admissions?
- 3. Is there anything else you'd like to note?

I'm also happy to speak by phone. I'd appreciate a response by the end of the day Thursday. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Irene

#### Irene Loewenson

Editorial Fellow, Sightline Media Group (Military Times)

irene.loewenson@sightlinemg.com





### **Request for Public Information**

1 message

Jerome B. KARABEL (b) (6) @berkeley.edu>
To: pao@usna.edu

Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 1:57 AM

Dear Ms. Wrightson,

I'm a Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley, and will soon be writing an article, hopefully for a major national newspaper or magazine, on the forthcoming case on affirmative action that will soon be heard by the Supreme Court. The article will include a discussion of the history of affirmative action, and I'm hoping to be able to demonstrate how this policy changed the composition of the entering classes of the United States military academies. In particular, I'm hoping that you will be able to send me the number and percent of African-Americans in the freshman classes of the Naval Academy going back as far as the early 1960s, if possible. Ideally, I would like to have year-by-year data on the racial composition of the entering freshman class for the period of 1960 through 2021. But if all those years are not available, I would appreciate your sending me whatever is available, going back to as early a date as possible.

On the off chance that anyone has ever written anything on the history of Affirmative Action on the Naval Academy, I would of course love to see it.

Thanks in advance for your kind cooperation.

Best,

Jerome Karabel

Professor of Sociology University of California, Berkeley

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Heather Mongilio

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### **USNI** Request

1 message

Martin, Emily <emartin@usni.org> To: "pao@usna.edu" <pao@usna.edu> Tue, Aug 30, 2022 at 10:20 AM

Good Morning,

I am the photo researcher for the U.S. Naval Institute. The upcoming issue of Proceedings, will be our annual submarine issue. We were wondering if midshipmen that choose submarine force might have a similar submarine selection night or something similar? And if there is, are there any photos we could use?

| Thanks, |  |  |
|---------|--|--|
| Emily   |  |  |
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Emily Martin | Photo Researcher

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